

WEATHER FORECAST: Cloudy over east and unsettled with probable rains in west portion; moderate temperature. Maximum yesterday, 57; minimum, 43; river, -0.4; rainfall, none; atmosphere, clear; wind, northwest.

# The Oregon Statesman

There is always a bright side. No matter what ill befalls you, there is somebody to rejoice. —Vancouver Sun.  
Nothing can make a girl more unpopular than winning a popularity contest. —New York American.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 9, 1926

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## TAX COMMITTEE CONSIDERS WAY RAISING FUNDS

### Group to Make Investigation of California Tax System at Once

## TAX ON INTANGIBLES

### Favoring Fixing Minimum Salary for Assessors at \$1800 and Maximum at \$2700; Also Levy Time Changed

The state tax investigating committee met yesterday and discussed ways and means for raising money to carry on the state's various activities without increasing the direct property tax. This action of the committee created by the last legislature was made necessary when the people viewed with disfavor all of the revenue measures in the November election.

The committee has under consideration the introduction of several bills at the next session of the legislature. One of the first bills to be introduced will probably be for the taxing of intangibles. A committee consisting of Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner, A. S. Smith of Baker and John Carlin of Medford will make an investigation of the California system following which an Oregon law will be drafted.

It is probable that the intangibles tax law to be drafted in Oregon will be copied in part from the intangibles act now in effect in Minnesota and other eastern states. In Minnesota where the tax rate on intangibles has been fixed at the minimum the law has proved a success and the revenue derived from its enforcement has increased annually. Reports received by the committee from states where the rate on intangibles is high the law has not been successful.

While in California the investigators also will gather data with relation to the general franchise tax now in operation there. Revenues from corporations and insurance companies operating in California also will be investigated.

The committee went on record favoring increases for many of the county assessors in Oregon, and such a bill will be recommended to the legislature. The committee fixed the minimum salary for county assessors at \$1800 and the maximum salary at \$2700, with the exception of in Multnomah county where the assessor receives \$4500. It was contended that in increasing the salaries of these officials better service would

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## WOMAN VISITED RADIO OPERATOR

### GARAGE WORKERS DECLARE AIMEE WAS CALLER

### Evangelist Denies Implication and Says "District Attorney All Wet"

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 8.—(AP)—Ten days before the now famous disappearance of Aimee Semple McPherson, a woman identified as the evangelist visited a Long Beach hotel at which Kenneth G. Ormiston, fugitive radio man was registered under an assumed name, district attorney's investigators said today in disclosing new evidence in the case. The visit, according to the officers, probably lasted for more than three hours.

The evidence consists of a garage claim check for the evangelist's automobile and the identification of Mrs. McPherson by two garage men as the woman who was driving a car left in their establishment. The hotels register previously had been checked by district attorney's investigators, showing that Ormiston was registered there May 7, 8, and 9 as Frank Gibson, an alias used by him, according to the testimony given during the preliminary hearing of the evangelist, her mother, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy and Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman-Sielaff, which resulted in their being held for trial on conspiracy charges.

The story told by Elton Cole, driver and attendant at the Virginia hotel garage, and W. R. Thompson, owner and manager of the establishment, is that the woman, who they say was Mrs.

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## Indians of Amazon Wilds Wear Gold and Diamonds

### Explorer of Guinea Hinterland Brings Back Tale of Primitive Human Tribe Speaking With Grunts and Clucks In Tropical Jungle

BOSTON, Nov. 8.—(AP)—A man who saw gold and diamonds glistening in the hands of untutored Indians, but who sought the antecedents of their race rather than of their wealth told his story of a year of adventure in Amazonian wilds, in Boston today.

Dr. William M. McGovern, leader of the expedition backed by the British Museum emerged from the wilds of the jungle and the Peruvian deserts this summer and landed in Boston yesterday.

"Frankly, I did not see any of the deposits of gold or diamonds in the Guinea hinterland but the Indians showed me samples and told me that was where they found them.

"But in the depths of the jungle I did see a race of primitive beings whom the more advanced Indians call Pogs or animal folk, there was no mistaking them with their sharply receding foreheads and chins, some very dark, like negroes except for their hair; some were light enough to give rise to white Indian legends, although they had more color than the white race.

"These rude people, speaking a language of clucks and grunts, and several ancient long skulls uncovered in the same district are the remains, I believe, of an aboriginal race which antedated the Asiatic invasion which peopled the Americas with our Indians.

"The history of early America may be pushed back further in Peru. An expedition which could remain in one place could discover much. In spite of our great amount of traveling I found one place where were three layers of earlier civilizations underlying the Inca ruins, which we once believed most ancient."

The Amazon, Dr. McGovern declared, is not the river of death

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Featuring the exercises at the War Mothers monument on the courthouse lawn, the new flagpole erected by the Boy Scouts will be dedicated and the flag raised on the new pole for the first time. While the band plays, Miss Hallie Parrish Hinges will sing the Star Spangled Banner. The flag will be lowered to half-mast and the Capital Post drum corps will play taps. A squad of Company F, National Guard, will fire a salute of three volleys in honor of the Unknown Soldier.

All organizations will then be invited to deposit wreaths at the foot of the monument, with appropriate remarks if desired. The point is emphasized that it will not be in order to place wreaths until they are called for after the dedication ceremonies.

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## LEAGUE OF CITIES MEET OFFICERS OF MUNICIPALITIES IN ORGANIZATION

The League of Oregon Cities, composed of the mayors and officers of most of the leading cities and towns of the state, will hold a special meeting here December 3. Officers of the league are John B. Giesy, mayor of Salem, president; A. L. Barbur, Portland city commissioner, 1st vice-president; E. U. Lee, mayor of Eugene, second vice-president; Charles Cleveland of Gresham, treasurer, and R. R. Shawcross of Portland, secretary.

Regular meetings of the league are held each year in January. Committee appointments were made yesterday by Mr. Giesy following a conference in Portland with Mr. Barbur. The committee on legislation consists of the mayors of Portland, Eugene, Astoria, Albany, Marshfield, Bend, and Oregon City.

The committee on programs consists of Mr. Giesy, chairman by the law of the league, O. Laurgaard of Portland, A. A. Hall of Tillamook, Mr. Kratz of Astoria, and J. T. Brand of Marshfield. A committee on by-laws was also appointed.

## CONVICT GIVES SELF UP ONLY ONE OTHER MISSING FOLLOWING PEN BREAK

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 8.—(AP)—William Smith, Cleveland, one of the convicts who escaped from the Ohio penitentiary this afternoon, gave himself up to police tonight and only one other of the 13 prisoners involved in the outbreak remained unapprehended.

Smith was apprehended at a restaurant a few miles from the prison. Approached by the proprietor who had become suspicious, Smith admitted his identity, said he was tired and hungry and asked to be returned to prison.

## MELLON PLAN WOULD SOLVE REFUND TAXES

### Congressional Leaders Express Varying Views on President's Idea

## CONGRESS TO GO SLOW

### Republicans and Democrats Accused of Playing Politics With Tax Question By Senator Norris

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—(AP)—President Coolidge and Secretary Mellon ironed out the tax refund proposal of the executive today and agreed that it should be accomplished through a credit to the tax payer of about 12½ per cent on income taxes to be paid next year on this year's income.

While the President was busy adjusting his tax saving plan with his secretary of the treasury, congressional leaders were expressing varying views which indicated clearly the plan did not meet with full approval at the capitol.

Mr. Mellon accepted the proposal to take his surplus away from debt retirement, but he convinced the president that the idea

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## RED CROSS WORK UNITES NATIONS

### \$12,000,000 WORTH OF BUSINESS DONE IN YEAR

### Dr. Green Calls Chamber of Commerce's Attention to Great Work Done

The American Red Cross is not only one of the greatest organizations in the world tending toward cooperation among nations, but it is one of the greatest businesses in the world, Dr. Thomas E. Green head of the speaker service of the National Red Cross, told members of the Salem Chamber of Commerce yesterday noon.

The Red Cross did \$12,000,000 worth of business in the last 12 months, with an overhead expense of only 2 per cent, or 243,000. It can send 25,000 trained nurses to the scene of any big disaster within 48 hours, he said.

The Red Cross is the embodiment of the idea of service and cooperation that grew out of the ruin of the war, according to Mr.

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## EMERGENCY BODY PLANS FOR FUNDS

### LARGE APPROPRIATION CONFRONTS LEGISLATURE

### Pierce to Cover Telephone Situation in January Farewell Message to Solons

The Oregon state legislature will convene here in January, and one of the first big things to attract their attention will be a deficiency appropriation of \$421,317.96. The emergency board was in session yesterday and approved an appropriation of \$68,391.46 of the above mentioned deficiency. Of this amount the Oregon state normal school at Monmouth receives the most, namely, \$31,791.46. Of this amount \$16,569.31 goes for laying a sewer and paving, while \$8,259.99 will be used for salaries and current expenses.

F. A. Elliott, state forester, explained that the shortage of funds in his department was due to the disastrous fire season of 1926, which necessitated the employment of a large number of field operators.

The board authorized an appropriation of \$5,000 to cover the cost of deporting state charges and \$1,000 to defray the expenses of the executive department until January 1.

Considerable surprise was occasioned at the meeting when Governor Pierce failed to press his request for funds with which to file a complaint looking to a reduction of rates charged by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company. The governor agreed with other members of the board that this appropriation should be considered by the next legislature, and not as an emergency.

Governor Pierce said that from data he had gathered he believed the telephone corporation could reduce its rates 50 per cent, and still pay handsome operating profits. Other members of the board agreed with the governor that the telephone rates were high, but they were insistent that it was not within the authority of the board to authorize a deficiency appropriation.

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## FORMER PASTOR BACK ONCE MINISTER OF TRINITY NOW COLLEGE FIELD MAN

SILVERTON, Ore., Nov. 8.—(Special)—The Rev. George Henrikksen, former pastor of Trinity church at Silverton, spent Monday here. The Rev. Mr. Henrikksen is now field man for Pacific Lutheran college at Parkland, Wash., and was in the Willamette valley in interest of the college.

The Rev. Mr. Henrikksen reports his family all well at Parkland. Miss Dora is preparing for her wedding which will be an event of early December, while Miss Louise is a student at the college.

## QUEEN SETTLES PARTY DISCORD SAYS RUMANIAN

### Miss Fuller and Publicity Agent Will Leave Train Within Few Days

## DANCE SKIT CANCELLED

### Ford Motor Representative Will Be Denied Readmittance to Train at Denver, Declares Carroll

QUEEN MARIE'S TRAIN, at Great Falls, Mont., Nov. 8.—(AP)—Queen Marie took reluctant action today to bring to an end controversy and discord which marked her tour of the Pacific northwest during the last few days.

A member of her party announced that she had consented to an arrangement whereby Miss Lois Fuller, former dancer and friend of the queen, and Miss Fuller's press agent, Miss May Birkhead, will leave the train within a few days.

The spokesman's understanding was that Miss Fuller would quit the party when Chicago is reached and that Miss Birkhead would leave as soon as she is able, in Denver on Wednesday or before. Miss Birkhead suffered a nervous collapse today following examination by Colonel John H. Carroll, in charge of the tour, concerning her activities on the train. She was under the care of the queen's nurse as was Miss Fuller, whose health has been failing.

Miss Fuller, whose war services to Rumania were warmly praised

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## PLANNING BODY MEETS TWO PETITIONS FOR BUILDINGS ACTED ON BY GROUP

Two petitions for erection of buildings were considered at a meeting of the city zoning and planning commission last night, and one was turned down and the other approved.

The petition of J. A. Gueffroy for permission to erect a store building was unfavorably acted on because the building will come within a strictly residential zone when it is built.

The petition of August Hilficker to erect an addition to a business building at Mission and Commercial streets was approved because it is already in a business district. Louis Campbell, chairman of the commission, spent considerable time last week in Portland conferring with the head of the planning commission there and as a result of his conference work has already begun towards zoning Salem.

## KELLY SLATED FOR POST KLAMATH MAN MAY BE STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER

A move was launched in Salem looking to the appointment of C. C. Kelly of Klamath county as state highway engineer under the new administration which will assume control of state affairs shortly after January 1.

In event Mr. Kelly's friends are successful he would succeed Roy Klein, who has served as state highway engineer since the resignation of Herbert Nunn four years ago.

Mr. Kelly served as chief assistant to Mr. Nunn for several years and was closely identified with the construction of some of the most important highways in this state.

## REGENTS INVESTIGATE NUMBER OF TOWNS APPLIED FOR NEW NORMAL SCHOOL

Members of the board of regents of the state normal schools will leave here early in December for eastern Oregon where they will investigate a number of proposed sites for the new normal school authorized by the voters at the recent general election. The law provides that the site shall be selected within 90 days after the election. Members of the board of regents said a number of towns and cities in eastern Oregon already had filed applications for the school.

## An Invitation

All organizations, military, patriotic, fraternal, religious and all others are hereby invited and urged to march in the grand parade on Armistice Day. Do not wait for a written invitation, as none are being sent out. This is your parade and your celebration. Mr. Patriotic Citizen of Oregon. All organizations, business houses and manufacturers are urged to enter patriotic, fraternal or business floats in the big float section. The American Legion silver trophy will be given for the float that, in the eyes of the judges, best carries out the idea intended. Help the Legion to make this the biggest and best Armistice Day observance in its history. CARLE ABRAMS, Chairman Parade Committee The American Legion.

## EASTERNS PLAN RAISING POULTRY

### MEN STUDIED BUSINESS, NOW READY TO START RANCH

### Induced to Come West After Reading Literature From This State

George M. Moan and W. H. Nunn arrived in Salem yesterday from New London, Connecticut. Mr. Moan was accompanied by his wife, and they made the trip in a Buick sedan. These young men have been making a study of the poultry business, and for two or three years have been planning to come to Oregon where the 300-egg hens are raised, to go into the poultry business.

They spent an hour at the Statesman office in talking over the prospects for the success of the beginner in the poultry business in this district with the editor of the Northwest Poultry Journal, and expressed themselves as being greatly pleased with our climatic conditions, orchards, poultry and grain farms, and paved roads in particular.

### Salem District Appeals

At present these young men are stopping in Portland and are taking daily tours about the country to decide on the most desirable location in the Willamette valley, and stated that the Salem district appealed to them stronger than any part of the valley they had visited. It is their intention when they find a location to start in the poultry business with about 2,000 laying pullets and become members of the State Poultry Producers' association through which to market their products. They have some good, sound ideas about this.

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## SQUAW CREEK PROTEST TWO DISTRICTS DISPUTE OVER IRRIGATION WATER

The state engineer has fixed November 30 as the date for hearing the protest of the Squaw Creek Irrigation district which is seeking to obtain a supplemental supply of water from Blue Lake and Lake Creek.

This water is now being used by the Suttles Lake Irrigation district, which obtained its permits in the year 1915 with the understanding that the project would be completed in 1923. The Squaw Creek Irrigation district contends that the Suttles Lake Irrigation district has failed to comply with its contracts with the state and has received several extensions of time in which to complete its project.

The Squaw Creek Irrigation district has protested against granting further time for the completion of the Suttles Lake Irrigation project, and asks that it be awarded the waters of Blue Lake and Lake Creek.

## MAY RUN NORTHWESTERN SHIPPERS TO CONSIDER OPERATION OF STEAMBOAT

Proposition made recently to have a group of local shippers take over the operation of the steamboat "Northwestern" operating in the Willamette river between Salem and Portland, are expected to develop into definite action of some kind at a meeting to be held in the chamber of commerce building here Wednesday night.

## BUDGET OMTS SPECIAL FUND FOR CITY BAND

### 6 Per Cent Limitation Causes Drastic Cuts in Various Departments

## PROBLEM UP TO PEOPLE

### Total Budget for 1927 Is About \$108,583.51, Final Approval Before Special Committee Comes on Nov. 22

No band concerts or comfort station during 1927 is the problem to be faced by the city of Salem unless the tentative budget considered at an informal meeting last night of the city council is changed. Several other reductions were made in the appropriations for various departments.

Reason for such drastic economy is the 6 per cent limitation which prevents the city from raising more money by taxation than the amount raised last year plus 6 per cent.

Last year the amount raised was \$130,000, and with 6 per cent more this year it will be \$138,583. Probable receipts from various small sources that will be raised in 1927 are estimated at \$30,000, making a total budget for 1927 of \$108,583.51.

The tentative budget as considered last night was presented by the ways and means committee. Only one important change was made last night by decision to have one man less on the police force next year.

The money thus raised will be partially to raising the salaries of the police chief and fire chief, and \$328 will go for buying new books for the public library.

Until this change was made, no provision had been made for money to buy such books. The council hopes by these drastic cuts in appropriations to bring before the people the necessity of calling a special election soon after the first of the year to raise money by a special millage tax. In case this is done

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## METHODISTS PLAN ERA OF ECONOMY MISSIONARY EDUCATION GOALS OF COMING YEAR

### Concentration of Study of Evangelism Has Place in Advance Program

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 9.—(AP)—Confronted with the problem of increasing church revenues from \$27,000,000 to \$300,000,000 this year for the purpose of increasing the scope of its activities the board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church today instituted an era of economy. The request for increased revenues to increase and expand the world service activities was presented to the board by the Rev. R. J. Wade, secretary of the general conference and executive secretary of the world service commission of the church.

In order to make this increase possible, the board decided to refrain from sending Bishop Ernes G. Richardson of Atlanta, Ga., with Bishop Thomas Nicholson of Detroit to Copenhagen to conduct the inquiry asked by Bishop Antor East of Copenhagen. The plea for economy was led by Bishop Richardson, secretary of the board.

In presenting the report of the world service commission the Rev. Mr. Wade suggested a troubling of the number of tithe of the church to make possible the increasing to \$300,000,000 the beneficiaries of the church during the coming year. He also declared that the world service commission was planning to devote its entire energies during the coming year to the education of missionaries while for the year following the program called for a concentration of the study of evangelism. He also declared that the crying need of the world today is for more religious training in the home—the return to the reading of the Bible daily in the home, rather than the leaving of this work to the church schools and other places of education.

Announcement of the death of the Rev. D. D. Forsyth, secretary of the board of foreign missions of the church in Chicago, which on his way to Denver for the present conference was made by Bishop J. F. Berry, of Philadelphia.

